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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an automatic extension of time of 1 month to respond to the Office Action of August 5, 2003. Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than December 5, 2003.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$110 is attached hereto.

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